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CLASSIFIED BY: Gene Cretz, Ambassador, U.S. Embassy Tripoli, U.S. Department of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

1.(C) Summary: In a recent meeting, the Chinese Commercial Counselor outlined the main sectors in which Chinese companies work in Libya as well

2.(C) Econoff met with the commercial section of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China (PRC), which is comprised of a Commercial Counse

3.(C) Zhan said twenty Chinese firms are registered with the PRC Embassy in Libya, working mainly in construction, telecommunications, and oil

CHINESE FIRMS BUILDING HOUSES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND RAILROADS...

4.(C) In terms of construction, Chinese firms have contracts with the Housing and Infrastructure Board (HIB), which are managed by the American

...AND ALSO ACTIVE IN TELECOMS

5.(C) Chinese firms are also active in Libya's telecommunications sector. In April, the firm Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. won a contract with

THE CNPC-VERENEX SAGA

6.(C) Econoff raised the issue of the pending sale of Canadian oil company Verenex to the Chinese National Petroleum Company (CNPC) (reftel). W

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7.(C) Zhan commented Chinese firms had complained about "sudden and unreasonable regulations" that caused work delays and related increases in

COMMENT

[18](#). (C) Comment: Chinese companies have carved out some niches for themselves in the Libyan market, namely in construction and telecommunicatic